

to be at least twenty-five thousand to enable us to carry on the work as planned and to meet the demands. As yet but few congregations have responded at all.

Will you not secure one or more persons in your congregations to take at least some part in this great and pressing work? Can we not have a hundred persons respond to this appeal? Send to me for blank forms.

J. A. MILLER.

Ohio State Conference

Again we call attention to the time and place of the Ohio State Conference. It will meet at Ankenytown, Thursday, June 7, and continue in session over Sunday. The business days of the conference will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday will be given to devotional services, Sabbath-school, preaching and young people's rally. The prospects are good for an interesting and profitable conference. If any of the pastors have not yet reported to the secretary, J. Allen Miller, they will please do so at once. It is important that every pastor in the state should make a full report of his work to the secretary. Above all pastors should see to it that every church in the state is represented at conference by delegate; if that is impossible, then by letter. If the conference is expected to do the churches in the state any good by its counsel then it is necessary first of all that the churches should be represented. It is to be hoped that there is not a pastor in the state who will not think it his duty to be present at the coming conference and have his church represented. We expect to see you at Ankenytown week after next.

Commencement Exercises

The program will be published next week. The dates of the several services, exercises and entertainments are as follows:

1. Baccalaureate Sermon, Sunday, June 3, 2:30 P. M.
2. Monday evening, June 4, the Athenaeum Literary Society will render its final program for the term in the College Chapel. An admission of ten cents will be charged.
3. Tuesday evening, June 5, the Pierian Literary Society will render its final program, in the College Chapel also.
4. Wednesday evening, June 6, the Commencement program of the Graduating Class will be rendered, the class address to be given by Rev. W. D. Furry, of Notre Dame University.
5. On Wednesday, June 6, there will be a meeting of the Trustees of the college. This is the regular Annual Meeting of the Board and is always an important one. All the members of the Board are requested to be present. It will give them an opportunity to attend the Commencement exercises.

The Lost Heir

A great fortune was recently left by an English will to heirs in America. But the American branch of the family that had thus been finally remembered was poor and obscure, and some of the heirs, particularly one young man had disappeared. The other day, however, he was found, and it was thru the agency of publication in a great newspaper. This is precisely what all Christian workers are doing, seeking and finding the lost heir. The Father's last will and Testament has left him a fortune as limitless as the skies, but he does not know it. He is lost among the world's millions. He is poor, and struggling, banished and lonely, a wanderer among strangers and aliens. Perhaps he is sick and dying. Find him, and tell him how rich he is, how the Father's love has remembered him afar off, how there awaits him a robe instead of his rags, a mansion for his shelterless head, wealth to banish his poverty, health instead of his sickness, life instead of death. Publish the good news. Many there are who will, like the young man of the story, abandon their former manner of life, and joyfully enter into the glorious inheritance. They only need to know, and to believe that it is for them indeed. Enter into the spirit of the blessed message, and tell it far and wide, that the lost may be found, and that the sons of the Father may enter into their own.

Educational Number

The next number of the EVANGELIST will be an Educational number, and will contain matter of special importance to all who are interested in the Brethren College, and in higher education in general. The several departments of the paper will be maintained, but in each department there is expected to be something on the subject of education, and when we write the word education we mean Christian education, emphatically *Christian*. We do not separate the two. A godless education is worse than no education at all. There is much being said in these days about higher education, but there is no such thing as higher education independent of the higher life. The two go hand in hand.

To many of our readers the educational number of the EVANGELIST will be of more than usual interest, not alone because of the contributions on educational subjects, but because it will contain pictures of persons in whom the church, because of their intimate relation to and connection with our educational institution, feels a special interest. Many of our people have not had the privilege of seeing and forming the acquaintance of brethren J. Allen Miller, C. Orville Witter, L. L. Garber, and Mrs. J. A. Miller; besides these there will be a group containing all the members of the

Bible class, and also a group containing the members of the graduating class, twelve in the former, and ten in the latter.

Extra copies of this number can be had at the rate of ten cents for six copies, or 50 copies for 75 cents. It should be freely circulated among our people.

The Root of All Evil

The rapacity of money greed has seldom exhibited so striking an illustration as in the recent action of the American Ice Company, which has secured a monopoly of the ice trade in New York and other large cities. It is in the nature of a trust, and by driving out competition it is enabled to double the price of ice to the poor of the city. A piece of ice which last year cost five cents cannot now be had for less than ten cents, and this means that many thousands of the very poor will not be able to afford it at all. It is pointed out that to the sick, to little children, if not to everyone who lives in the poor quarters, the slums of the great cities, where the summer heat becomes unendurable, ice is a vital necessity, deprived of which many will die. To double the price therefore to the very poor is equivalent to murder, wholesale murder, and yet the ice trust, tho fully aware of such an inevitable consequence, is willing to commit this murder for the sake of the big dividends it has in prospect. Some people appear to be surprised that even the love of money would lead men to commit so great a crime, but it is no surprise to those who have read history, or who understand something about human nature. It is very evident that we have not yet reached that point in the moral development of the world, where those who have the power and the opportunity to plunder their fellow creatures neglect or decline to avail themselves of it. The trust is the latest and perhaps most dangerous evolution of this human trait,—the love of money, root of all evil,—and those who think that it is going to be easily shaken off are not acquainted with the tenacious habits of blood sucking insects and animals.

The Bird and the Butterfly

What a perversion of taste and what a paralysis of all right feeling is involved in the execrable fashion of wearing bird carcasses on the feminine head gear we see on the streets and in the churches. God made the beautiful birds to give us, in the lovely springtime, some glimpses of the paradise, some insight into the great Father heart where dwells all beauty and harmony; but fashion comes with instruments of torture and death to hush the warble of praise, to still the song of exuberant joy, to stop the graceful flight on lightsome wing, that the plumes of the innocent songster may adorn the gorgeous bonnet of some brainless human